

Lesson No. (12)

David and Solomon and the Building of the Temple

References

1 Kings 6 - 8.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Read the description and dedication of the temple in 1 Kings 6-8, and you will see it's greatness, splendour and magnificence. Solomon, however, was more concerned with the temple as he believed that:
 - b) The temple was the place which bore the name of the Lord (a symbol of God's presence).
 - b) It was a place where people went, as it was the centre of leadership, fellowship and brotherhood.
 - c) It was the place where banished people found shelter.
- ★ Do we respect the church and value her as the Jews of the Old Testament respected and valued the temple?

Objectives

General: Respect the House of the Lord.

Specific: The children will be able to:

- A. Understand what the church means to God;
- B. Learn how to behave in the church, as it is the house of our Lord;
- C. Donate money to the church so that they may help it in it's needs.

Bible Verse

**“I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built,
to put my name there for ever. “**

(1 Kings 9:3)

Teaching Aids

Video.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Servant to start a discussion about the buildings in their city or town. What makes the building attractive? Mention some attractive buildings.

Story Time

Today's lesson is about a building that was made in seven years and cost millions of dollars. The man who built it was the greatest king on earth at the time.

Solomon, which means "Peace," ruled for forty years. Solomon, David's son, was a great king and he was very wise and rich.

In Jerusalem, Solomon built the temple, which looked like the Tent of Meetings in its structure and appearance. David had prepared the material for the building of the temple and Solomon started building it in the fourth year of his reign. The building was complete in the eleventh year. It was the pride of Jerusalem and the most beautiful building in the world.

1. How long did it take Solomon to build the Temple?
2. How did the idea of the temple come to Solomon's mind?

Kind David desired to build a temple for the Lord and the Lord was pleased, but God told David, "Your son Solomon will build the temple." So David designed the building and chose its location. He prepared large amounts of gold, silver, copper, iron and cedar wood for the construction of this great place. The materials used would now be worth millions and millions of dollars.

When Solomon began his reign, he ordered his men to collect and gather building materials. It took them three years to gather the materials and in the fourth year, they started building the temple. Solomon employed a great number of workers. The vessels and instruments used in the temple were all covered with gold. It was a very costly project.

The Design of the Temple

The Servant should read (2 Samuel 7:14-17, 1 Kings 5-7)

The people gave their offerings and took part in building the temple. Think of the things people offered, and the work they did in order to help and participate in it's building. 1 Kings gives us a clear picture of the numerous deeds performed by the people- where they came from and who offered gifts and worked. We also recognise the great love of those people for the Temple. All different classes of people volunteered to do the job. The king, the labourer, the skilled worker - all of them worked. This spirit should prevail in our church today. We should try to provide the church with everything she needs.

1. Which king first thought of building the temple?
2. Who built it? Who took part in building it?
3. How did the people offer their gifts?
4. Where was the temple built?
5. How can we express our love for the church? Do we offer gifts (offerings) to the church treasury?

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.